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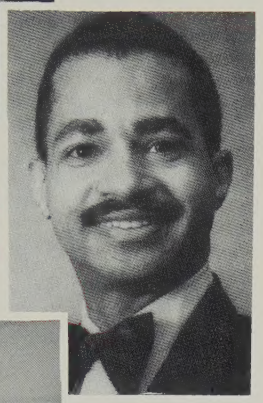

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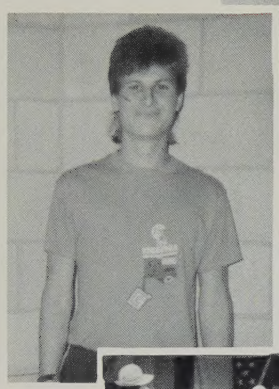

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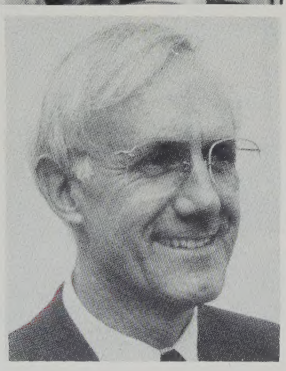

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History In The Making . . . The 21st World's Christian Endeavor Convention

"COMMITTED TO CHRIST . . . COMMISSIONED BY CHRIST!"—how these stirring words were proclaimed with power and authority to the delegates gathered at Warwick University, Coventry, England for the 21st World's Christian Endeavor Convention, July 31 to August 4, 1990. What an exciting week it was as history was made before the eyes of all those in attendance from forty nations and island groups. Even though the delegates were from all the continents of the globe they were joined together as one in the Name of Jesus Christ under the banner of Christian Endeavor.

From the small prayer gathering the afternoon of the opening day to the final moment, again and again the Name of Jesus was lifted high and glorified in many tongues and by people of many races.

Helping hands of British hosts were always available.

In the music, through the spoken word, in the informal sharing times, walls and fences were broken down. Despite the language barrier, people communicated the love shared between believers through a hug, a smile or an arm across a shoulder. Much laughter could be overheard in the dining room during meal times. There were times when only smiles or tears could convey what was in the heart. Yes, there were smiles, plenty of them on the faces of happy people. As our president, Konrad Brandt, stated, "I have seen many happy people and that makes me happy, too!" There were tears when emotions ran deep at the over-whelming thoughts of what some people had gone through to come to the convention. There were tears also as people said good-bye for a while to new found friends. This convention truly was a glorious, joyful gathering of the people of God!

There are many, many stories from one on one conversations between delegates. Many pictures were taken to be shared through letters with friends from around the world. As Gladys Colvin from the Republic of Ireland stated, "The convention helped me realize that we are not just a bunch of Christians tucked away, but that GOD has HIS people ALL over the world . . ."

Through the Worldwide Fellowship Times, led by Dr. LaVerne Boss, then a World's Union Vice President, we learned that in many places it is not easy to be a Christian and it is even harder to do the work of Christian Endeavor. We learned that Christian Endeavor around the world is as different as the people of the world, but wherever there is Christian Endeavor at the center is Jesus Christ. No matter where Christian Endeavor exists, it exists, "For Christ and the Church!"

One of the most stirring, emotional and history making events of the week occured on Wednesday evening during the Roll Call of Nations and the Exchange of Flags. As the roll of nations was called, designated young people entered from the back of the auditorium carrying the flag of their country. For the first time in many, many years, flags were presented from Hungary and Czechoslovakia. The high point in this emotional event came when, in a display of unity, young people from East Germany and West Germany entered together carrying one German flag. (There were 26 young people at this historic convention from East Germany.) How we praise and thank God for all the events of the past year which allowed delegates to attend from Eastern Europe!

Everyday new and exciting things

Delegate registration

happened as we listened to leaders in the various educational sessions, as we studied the Bible together in the morning session and as we listened to the guest speakers share their thoughts in the evening meetings. Hearts were thrilled and spirits lifted high through the music whether it be the group singing or listening to the various choirs or guest artists.

As the convention closed each person went home knowing that they had been part of something very special—that this had been a week ordained by God. Many years of prayer undergirded this convention along with years of planning. No one could remain the same after being a part of this week. For surely, as delegates went to their part of the world, they went renewed in their commitment to Christ and excited about sharing the Good News of the Gospel.

We know that Christian Endeavor is alive; that it continues to serve Christ and the Church—sometimes against government opposition, sometimes in severe economic situations, sometimes against apathy and disunion! Christian Endeavor continues to survive while other movements have come and gone!

Many years ago in 1881 a young

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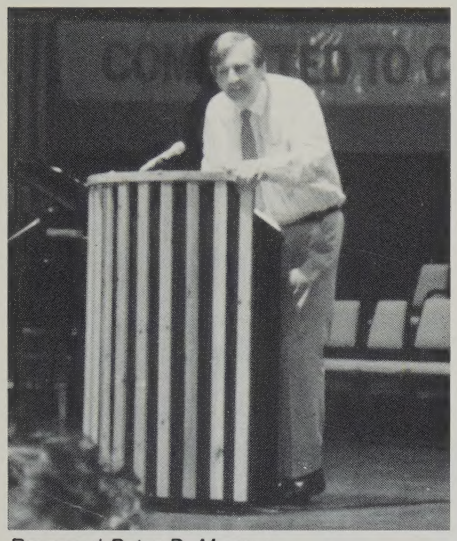
The Messengers Of "The Word" At The World Christian Endeavor Convention

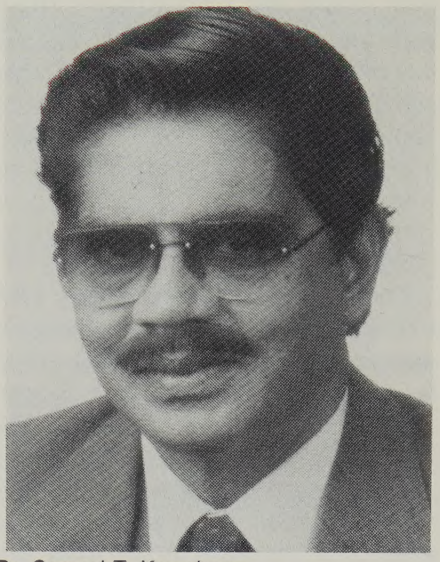
Each morning during the Convention all the delegates gathered together in one body to study God's Word. Leading this Bible Study session was Rev. Peter D. Manson of Spurgeons College in England. At this college he supervises a course in Pastoral Studies which he also pioneered. His text for each morning were various portions from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount as found in the Gospel of Matthew. He challenged the delegates saying, "If you believe Christ you will do something about it! If you 'seek first the Kingdom of God' changes will be made in your lives."



Reverend Peter D. Manson

There were also educational sessions several days led by Christian Endeavor leaders from around the world. The subjects were: Mission (Matthew Welde), Sunday School Teaching (Mrs. J. Gill), Christian Endeavor Basics (Lavern and Lucille Billig), Matrimony (Dr. and Mrs. Jack Rothenberger), Leadership Training (Oswell Rankin), Evangelism (Burkhard Weber) and Music (which was the choir rehearsal led by George Campbell.)

Evening rally speakers included Dr. Samuel T. Kamaleson who spoke on Tuesday, July 31st. Born in Vellore, India, he is a Vice President-at-Large for World Vision International in California. He is the author of a number of Christian books. He also has a weekly radio



Dr. Samuel T. Kamaleson

program over Radio Ceylon (Sri Lanka.) In his remarks he stated that, "God wants from us commitment not for our own plans, but for His plans. There is a call to repentance, not only to individuals, but to nations. The Kingdom of God is now!"

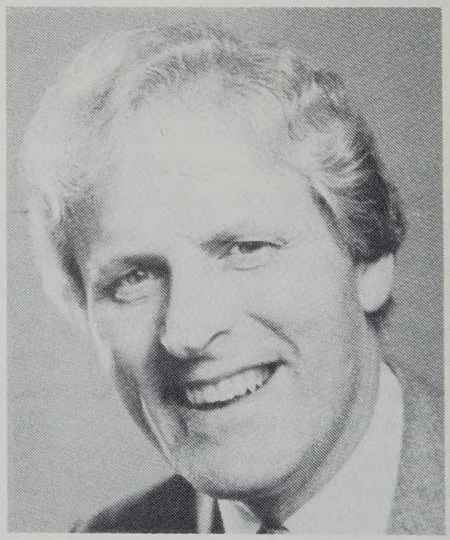
On Wednesday and Friday evening of the convention the speaker was Rev. Matthew J. Welde, General Director for Presbyterian Center for Mission Studies, based in Pennsylvania. Rev. Welde challenged the delegates to, "Get priorities straight . . . to realize the purpose for which God had created them." He also said, "Christ says to go in every direction, to take the Gospel to all. Jesus said, 'You will be my witnesses.' Therefore, we **must** go out as witnesses to the ends of the earth."

The Thursday evening speaker was Rev. Jim T. G. Graham pastor of the Gold Hill Baptist Church in Scotland and author of many books on the Christian life. In his message he stated that, "Today many people have lost confidence in the vitality of Jesus. We must renew our commitment and again be confident in Him. God is calling men and women now to a new commitment in Jesus Christ, commissioned afresh by him."

Saturday evening, August 4th was the great Presidential Rally held in the historic Coventry Cathedral. Coventry Cathedral is actually two cathedrals joined by a canopy,—the burnt out remains of the old fourteenth century building, victim of war-time destruction, and the new cathedral with its modern architecture—together symbolizing death and resurrection. Speaker for this historic event was Rev. Konrad Brandt, president of the World Christian Endeavor Union and director of the Marburg Mission in Germany. (This Mission has about a hundred missionaries serving the Lord in Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, Spain, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and Brazil.)

In his message President Brandt stated that, "God has called us together to reconciliation—brothers and sisters in Christ from the East and from the West. It is a living God that brings us together. To a German president, this is a thrill to be standing here speaking in this Cathedral. It was in November 1940 that this place was bombed. A German people ask for forgiveness as the Lord forgave us in Christ Jesus." In his challenging address, President Brandt also said, "God calls each one by name. God is not calling by titles, but by name; not by nationality, but by name. We are called one by one. We are chosen servants. Called to be witnesses for the Lord—witnesses in England and around the world!"

Throughout the days of the convention all who spoke emphasized the



Reverend Jim T.G. Graham

challenging theme of the convention which was, "Committed to Christ—Commissioned by Christ" based on Romans 12:1 and Matthew 28:19 and 20. One by one the speakers, in their own way, wove this theme into their messages giving it meaning and life.

All who heard the spoken word at the Convention were challenged anew to live not only lives worthy of the Lord—committed first and only to the Lord Jesus Christ but to go out in the power of the Lord to the ends of the earth!

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pastor with vision, Francis E. Clark, saw the needs of the youth in his church and so after much prayerful thought, presented to them the idea of, "The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor." From that local church Christian Endeavor grew to be the world's largest youth movement. No committee or denominational group met and decreed CE into being—it was simply the vision of one young pastor. Christian Endeavor continues to have a page written in its history every day. The story of Christian Endeavor does not end with the convention in England because everyday in places around the world young people are being reached, "For Christ and the Church!" Be in prayer, praying urgently for the work Christian Endeavor around the world. Let us go on into the twenty-first century preaching, teaching, reaching, caring and sharing in the Name of Jesus Christ and Christian Endeavor.

" . . . Singing With Praise And Joy To The Lord . . ."

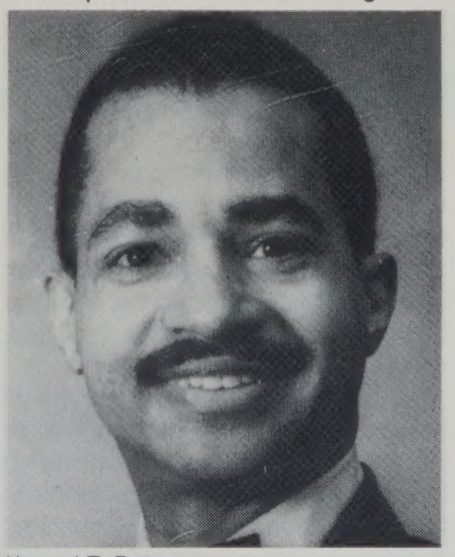
Marilyn Baker

Since the first Christian Endeavor convention, held many years ago, music has played a vital role in the life of CE conventions. The Convention at Warwick University was no different in this aspect. From the music presented by special guests to the congregational singing, the name of the Lord was praised and His people up-lifted!

The spirited, kilt-clad, full of fun song leader from Scotland, Bill Caldwell (who was also a member of the convention committee) helped the majority of the delegates learn many new, exciting contemporary songs from the book, "Let's Praise!" Accompanists throughout the convention kept the singing in-tune and up-beat! At the organ was Andrew Pellow from the Isle of Wight. Rotating at the piano during the daily sessions were: Pat Leaman, Avril Lewis (both from Great Britain), and Jane Bartholomew from the United States. Jane also accompanied the choir and played for evening sessions.

The first music guest of the week was Marilyn Baker, a very gracious contemporary Christian singer-pianist. Miss Baker, who is well known in the United Kingdom, is blind. She composes much of the music that she performs.

Howard T. Patton, a Musician First Class, Vocalist with the United States Navy Band presented a full concert on Thursday evening. He also sang during several evening rallies and again on Saturday evening at the International sharing time. He was accompanied on the piano by Wilbur Belton, a fine performer in his own right.



Howard T. Patton

Anne Linstrum

Anne Linstrum, a noted English soloist and recording artist sang for the Presidential Rally at Coventry Cathedral and for the International Sharing time later that same evening. She has performed not only in opera, but now presents many sacred concerts and music workshops for church musicians.

Adding yet another dimension to the music of the Convention was the Pusan Elder's Choir from Pusan, Korea. This large choir of men from all walks of life serve as Elders in the churches of Pusan. Dressed alike, they presented a concert on Tuesday evening.

The Choir of the Kawaiaha'o Church, Honolulu, Hawaii, presented a stirring program called, "Keepers of

the Rainbow." This presentation on Wednesday evening included songs, narration and dance. It told of the creation of the Hawaiian Islands, the coming of the missionaries to Hawaii and the growth of Christianity through the years. Attired in native dress, this church choir was a lovely part of the convention. They also sang during the Quiet Hour which was led by the delegates from Hawaii. (This church is known as the Westminster Abbey of the Pacific.)

An International Convention Choir, under the direction of George Campbell, Coordinating Secretary of the Convention and also National Organizer for CE in Great Britain and Ireland, sang for several of the evening sessions including the great Presidential Rally at Coventry Cathedral. There were one-hundred twenty delegates representing thirteen countries in this choir. It was a thrill to see the expressions on the faces of the choir members and to hear the power of the words as they sang as one unto the Lord. To many, this was one of the most exciting, thrilling and stirring parts of the convention.

Music is a ministry and it continues to play a vital role in Christian Endeavor around the world! Let us never loose sight of what music can do in the hearts and minds of those who present and those who hear!

Early Morning Quiet Hour Times At The World CE Convention . . .

Quiet Hour each morning at the convention was at 7:00 a.m. It was a special time of praise, praise and singing, led by various delegates of Endeavorers.

On Wednesday morning the Hawaiian delegates led in singing and reading of Scripture in Hawaiian. (There was also singing in Hawaiian.) Rev. Richard Kamanu from Hauula, Hawaii spoke on the importance of praising the Lord wherever we are.

Thursday's morning Quiet Hour was led by the German Endeavorers. Scripture and prayer were offered in the German language. This morning the delegates were led into involvement with individual meditation on the Psalms which followed with small group sharing and prayer.

Friday morning the Quiet Hour was led by Christian Endeavorers from American Samoa. There was singing in English and Samoan. The Scripture meditation was based on Philippians 4:12.

Saturday morning was an inspiring world-wide communion service led by Rev. James Carson from Ireland. He led in a time of praise and soul-searching as we approached the Lord's Table. Communion at a Christian Endeavor Convention is a unique experience where we can really sense the one-ness we share in Jesus Christ as believers from many countries and denominations.

—Barbara Dority
Virginia, United States of America

Conversations With Christian Endeavor People From Around The World

During the Convention, CE World took the opportunity to talk with delegates attending from many places in the world. Here are their thoughts on CE in their country or their impressions of the convention.

Yong-Kee Paik

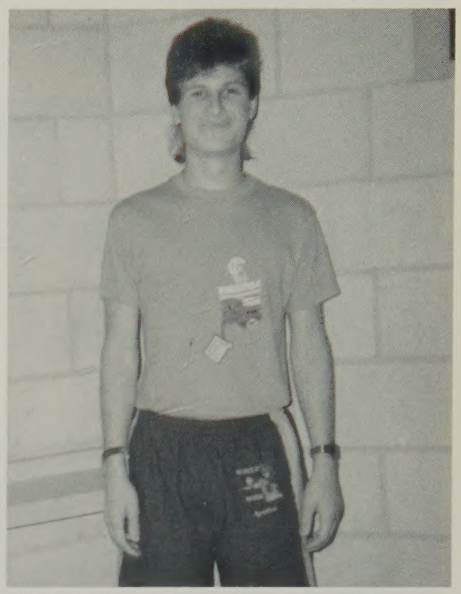
"My name is **YONG-KEE PAIK** and I am president of the **KOREAN** Christian Endeavor Union and also a Vice President of the World Christian Endeavor Union. I am principal of a girl's school in Pusan that has 2,000 students. I am very, very pleased to meet you all here. We have over 600,000 members of Christian Endeavor in Korea. In Korea there are two parts to the movement—for individuals and for the group. For individuals the devotional time is from 5 to 6 in the morning. Every Christian Endeavor member has to go to church to pray. The morning meditation is the strongest part of the Christian Endeavor movement in Korea. Social activities are Bible studies, educational hours and missionary work. Every morning we must recite one Bible verse before we can have breakfast. That is a most important thing. Unfortunately, in Korea, we are still separated between the North and the South. We are praying to God for this problem for 50 years, and yet still we are separated. Some day God has promised to reunited us. Amen!"

"I am **JORGE DAVILA,** Secretary of Christian Endeavor in **GUATEMALA,** which is in Central America. I bring greetings from all the Guatemala Christian Endeavorers. We have 5,000 members in Christian Endeavor. Our people are young and in their twenties. I am very happy to be attending this 21st World Christian Endeavor convention in England.

MORGAN CLEVENGER, West Virginia, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—"Before I came to the convention here in England I was picturing what it would be like, but until I came and actually started meeting people from all around the world I really got a good dose of world Christian Endeavor. The speakers are very good. The touring and culture in England is nice. I've met a group of German young people who we will be with on a mission trip to Newport, Wales following the convention."

"At home, one of the things we talk about is how CE is for young people, and we do have a good group of young people, but I was surprised to see all the young people here. In talking with those from different countries they tell me how large their groups are in their countries and I found that very encouraging. In America we should have more young Endeavorers. In West Virginia CE I am the Junior CE superintendent and I work with the kids in the fourth to sixth grades.

MICHAEL NEUMANN, EAST GERMANY—"I want to say that this is one of the greatest things that I can be here at the 21st World's Christian Endeavor convention. It is very interesting to see these people from the different countries with the different languages and cultures. It is a great experience to see the community of all these people. I am very glad to feel that I am a member of this community as I meet people from so many countries. I have learned so much from these people, such as those from Mexico and the United States. I hope that I can visit the next convention in Mexico—that is my greatest wish! I am 19 and



Michael Neumann

I have finished school. I hope to study electronics next year after my civilian service year in the Army.

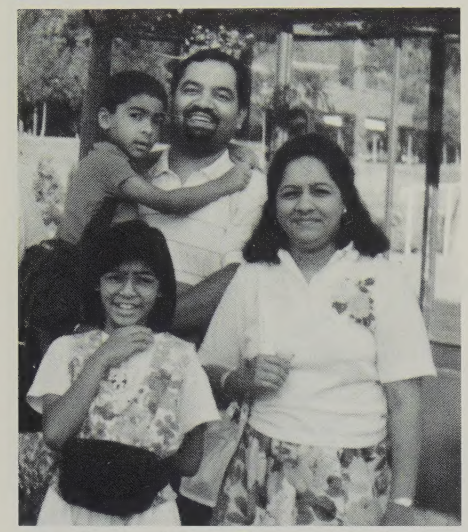
"My name is **RICHARD KAMANU** and I am from **HAWAII.** This is the first World Christian Endeavor conference that I have attended. I am very excited in meeting and seeing new people from all the different countries represented here. I did wish to see more participation by the young people in speaking, sharing and maybe even sitting on the World Christian Endeavor Council. I do hope to see that happen."

"I am **TIBER CZEKEI** and I come from **HUNGARY.** This is the first occasion in which we could participate in such a meeting as the Christian Endeavor World Convention. We are happy to be here to stay with our fellow Christians. For this occasion I should like to thank our brothers for the offer that made possible our journey to the convention."

REV TALA FAALEAUA, WESTERN SAMOA—"I am a church minister on the island and my impression of the convention is that I like this very much. It gives me an idea of what heaven will be like. I like meeting a lot of people from the various places. God has blessed me a lot. Thank you."

"I am **SALOTE ALEAMOTU'A from TONGA** and this is the first time

I have attended a Christian Endeavor convention. All the sessions of the convention have been very interesting. I do wish there were many more young people able to attend the convention so that we could train the young generations for the future.''



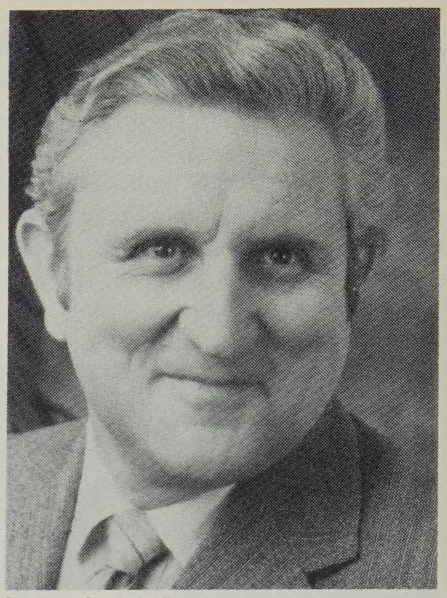
An Indian family from Toronto, Canada.

GEURT VAN VIEGEN, Christian Endeavor Secretary from **THE NETHERLANDS.**—''I find this a very good convention and very blest! The cultural part is very interesting—and I like this . . . I like this! The singing is good and the song leader is very fine as is the preaching. I think this convention is better than the last time!''

GLADYS COLVIN, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND—''The convention has helped me realize that we are not just a bunch of Christians tucked away but that GOD has His people ALL over the world. No matter what age, as God's children we have a special bond. I wouldn't swap this week for two weeks of sun in Spain. You learn so much just sitting with someone over a meal. The quiet hours were inspiring with music, prayer and praise. The choir was the thing I really enjoyed. Everyone in the choir was singing for the Lord. God has blest us. As we go home we will recall more things—but the best is the blessing of being with His own people.''

REV BURKHARD WEBER, WEST GERMANY ''Last night something happened that I have never experienced before at a Christian Endeavor convention; because a very, very late night special took place outside, under the trees, in the middle of the night! (I didn't get there until midnight.) This event wasn't printed in the program. It was just by word of mouth that the young people gathered together, sitting on the ground, singing songs. They were from different nations and more and more came until there were about 150 young people—and they didn't just sing! One of the young men from Britain rose, and he had this meeting in hand. He said, 'Let's introduce ourselves and the different nations gave short introductions. He also said, 'Whoever wants to make a remark about what Christian Endeavor is all about, please make a comment!' The Mexicans gave a witness, the Germans, the English and so on. Everyone shared what was on his heart. There were good remarks. And then this young man from England said something very important about young and old people in the church to all the young people gathered there. He said, 'Some people say that the young people are the Church of tomorrow and the old people are the Church of yesterday but both things are not true because old people and young people are the church of today!' All the young people were clapping and singing songs and then we had a period of prayer. Following this they started sharing food and drinks. After that the Mexicans started to sing and dance. The meeting went until 1:45 a.m. with more singing, praising and praying. After a benediction they all went to bed. (This was the account of a spontaneous late night happening involving many of the young people attending the convention.)

GEORGE CAMPBELL, National Organizer of Christian Endeavor in **GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND** and Convention Co-ordinating Secretary. ''My impression? It was a convention that for us started four and a half years ago; but it was in the last three months that we have been working non-stop so that we would be able not only to see the convention managed and functioning properly but that we would be able to enjoy it as well. A highlight for me was the fact that we had so many countries represented. It was exciting as we sat in the office, day by day, receiving letters saying, 'We are coming!' And then, of course, towards the end of last year that great wall in Ger-



George Campbell

many came down. We realized then that this might mean that many more delegates could be coming from these countries that once had Christian Endeavor as people were now able to travel. And so, arrangements were made to welcome twenty-six delegates from East Germany, two delegates from Czechoslovakia and two delegates from Hungary. To me, that will probably be the most outstanding part of our preparation.

As people began to arrive from all over the world it was a hectic two days, but we survived!

It was exciting as the meetings started up to see the joy on the delegate's faces and to see things happening that have never happened before. History was being made before our very eyes and we praise God for that!

I suppose for me, if it was an individual highlight, it was the fact that I had the honor of bringing together an international choir of 120 voices from 13 different countries and they sang as unto the Lord.

The theme, ''Committed to Christ . . . Commissioned by Christ'' is for the days ahead. I trust that the convention has stimulated many people to do greater things ''For Christ and the Church.''

My task in the coming days is one of the newly appointed World Vice Presidents with the responsibility for the whole of Europe. I ask for prayer as it will mean many hours of travel-

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World-Wide Fellowship

During the World CE Convention several sessions were devoted to hearing about the work of Christian Endeavor in the various countries around the world. Listed are some of the highlights from those reports.

Reverend George Koffi De Souza
Togo

Reverend Nana Frimpong Manso
Ivory Coast

American Samoa—Christian Endeavor continues to do good work among the people. The Samoans, attired in native dress, sang and danced to native music.

Australia—Thirty-five came from "down under." They asked for prayer for the work of Christian Endeavor and for a Christian revival. At present there are small numbers in CE. There are six states and each has a CE Union. January 1990 was a national CE Convention at which Konrad Brandt, CE World President, was the speaker. A promotional video for CE has been prepared.

Brazil—A report was given in German with translation to English by a girl from Wales. In Brazil there are 20 million Catholics, 25 million Protestants and 17 million spiritists. There used to be CE in Brazil but by 1947 it had died out. At present there are 20 youth groups in four regions. One is German, three are Indian and the rest are Portuguese.

Cameroon—The movement is going on as youth are learning to praise and give thanks. CE has penetrated into many areas. There are 17 CE churches. Many activities are held including prayer and testimony times at youth nights. Young children through young teens are being taught about the Bible. CE outreach is being worked on. The problems are: Bibles are needed, finances are poor and transportation is bad.

Canada—Greetings were brought. Canadian Endeavorers helped delegates from Sierra Leone to attend convention. Pray for the growth of CE in Canada.

Cayman Islands—Located in the Caribbean, in this British Crown Colony CE, which started in 1908, can be found in the United Church. (Congregational/Presbyterian.) They are working at making Christian Endeavor work! There were four people at the convention from the Cayman Islands.

Czechoslovakia—Thanks were given to the Japanese who helped the two delegates come to the convention. This country has been under the communist government for 42 years. In this country 60% are Catholic, 20% are Protestant. The Church was underground but it flourished. The report was closed by the reading of Psalm 146 in Slovak.

Egypt—CE was started in 1891 by an American woman missionary. There are approximately 760 societies of mostly young people with average number of 50 per society. Some groups in large churches have as many as 400 members. There are hard times now as there is much government opposition to Christianity in general. Plans are being made to celebrate the CE Centennial next year.

England—The work of CE is continuing to grow. They were happy to be hosts for the convention. A national convention is planned for May 1991. The CE Focus newsletter continues to be published.

Germany—A very large group of enthusiastic young people were in attendance with about one third coming from East Germany and two-thirds coming from West Germany. The East Germans sang a song. It was said that the great wall is coming down piece by piece. German young people want to build bridges. They see Christian Endeavor as a "world-wide bridge building society." After the two sides are joined there will be 1,000 CE societies. The two groups joined together to make one large choir. West Germans sang the first two verses and all the Germans on the platform and in the audience sang the third all together. The song, "Now Thank We All Our God" was highly symbolic and moving.

Ghana, West Africa—CE is doing a good work among the young people.

Guatemala—Greetings were brought from the CE members in Guatemala which is in Central America. There are 150 CE groups with over 5,000 Endeavorers. They are working hard at training youth and conventions are being held.

Hungary—Christian Endeavor was revitalized after World War II. In 1950 there was a change in the government but there was no change in their loyalty to the church. May 19, 1990 CE was started again with 50 members after a visit from Gunther Neuman from East Germany. "God has set before us an open door which no one can shut." They presented to the World's Union a small, lovely banner with a CE in the middle and the motto around the outside in Hungarian.

India—The Christian Endeavor Union of India is 107 years old. CE is in many denominations with approximately 400,000 members. Thirteen of the 25 states have CE. The General Secretary and President of this Union, along with a beautiful young girl in a sari, sang a song in their native tongue.

India Association—Report was given by delegation in native dress. This Union was started in 1883 by missionaries from the Reformed Church. A song was sung in Hindi. Gifts were presented to "Konnie Papa" (Konrad Brandt) and to David Jackson.

Ireland—There are young people attending CE events. There is also work among the junior age. The Irish Endeavour continues to be published. There was a group of young people at the convention.

Ivory Coast—This is a new CE Union. The Ivory Coast is a difficult place to preach, but doors are opening and God is in Africa.

Jamaica—Located in the Caribbean, it was reported that CE is in many denominations. A national convention was to be held later in August 1990.

Japan—Twenty-four people were in attendance. They are working hard to convert young Japanese. They are moved by prayers and the generosity of others for the furtherance of Christian Endeavor and the cause of Christ. It is very difficult these days in Japan to be a Christian. Thanks were given for the love expressed. The Japanese were attired in colorful native dress and they sang a hymn.

Korea—As the report was given the men were dressed in the outfits worn by the Pusan Elder's Choir (which sang at the convention) and the women were dressed in the beautiful colors of their native dress as they sang and did a dance. It was reported that there are 596 local CE societies and 15 provincial unions. Each morning from 5 to 6 a.m. every CE member goes to church to pray and this is the key to their growth.

Koreans in song at World Wide Fellowship Time

Lebanon-Syria—This CE Union is 60 years old with approximately 4,000 people involved. Vacation Bible School and leadership training sessions are held. Because of the national situation, the national CE convention has not been held for the last two years. Thanks were expressed to those who had made contributions to help buy a van for Christian Endeavor use.

Marshall Islands—There are 27 unions with 82 societies. In 1895 CE was brought to these islands by missionaries. There are 5,000 registered youth in the program of which the government is supportive. Songs were presented in the native language. A gift was presented to Konrad Brandt.

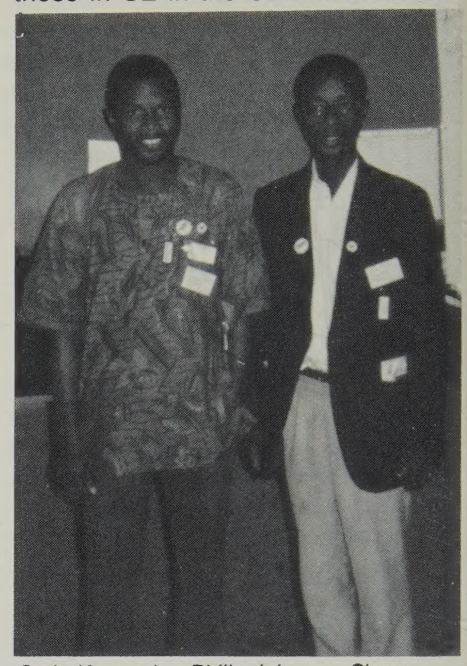
Mexico—An enthusiastic group of mostly young people in national dress sang and gave a cheer. In 1947 the Mexican CE Union was founded and now there are two unions. There is one for teenagers and one for older people. There are 30 to 35 active societies. An invitation was issued to hold the next World's CE Convention in Mexico in 1994.

Micronesia—Micronesia is a group of many small islands in the South Pacific. Christian Endeavor conventions have been held. Youth have been celebrating with peace parties. CE is training young people to be good Christians.

Papua New Guinea—Greetings were given and the delegates sang a song in their native tongue. They are located west of Indonesia. In 1962 the Germans came and brought Christian Endeavor. Thanks were given to the World's Union for giving support.

Scotland—Greetings were brought from "Bonny Scotland." The Scots told of the thistle, the kilt and the heather. A song was also sung. News was shared of the work of CE. There will be a convention held in March 1991.

Solomon Islands—The CE Union here is experiencing a spiritual renewal which is happening in many of the churches. There is a hunger for the Word of God. The motto of CE, "For Christ and the Church" is the thing that is helping to break down barriers of the denominations. There are 20 societies. There is a CE newspaper. The hope is to have 100 CE societies by the year 2,000. CE is bringing youth into the life of the church. Recently there was a rally with 500 people attending. Pray for the leadership of those in CE in the Solomon Islands.



Sorie Kamanda—Philip Johnson, Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone—In 1964 Bishop Clyde Meadows helped to begin CE in Sierra Leone (in Africa.) At this time there are 45,000 refugees in the country from Liberia. They thanked the Canadian delegation for their generosity in helping to bring delegates to this convention and also honored Ruth Benner of Canada for her encouragement while she was in Sierra Leone. The delegates sang a song in their native tongue.

Togo—The CE Union in Togo was formed in 1913. In 1985 it was reactivated through a missionary visit. New officers were elected in January 1990. Progress is being made. Thanks were given to the CE Union of Great Britain and Ireland for help with materials. More materials are needed in French.

Tonga—Young people are now excited about attending church and Christian Endeavor. They hope to have many more attend the next CE World's Convention.

United States of America—The delegates, mostly dressed in national colors of red, white and blue all came enthusiastically on stage and sang songs about CE in the USA. The delegates were from all parts of the continental United States and Hawaii.

USA Delegates during World Wide Fellowship presentation.

As a part of the International Society conventions are held every two years with one happening in July 1991 in Pennsylvania. In a separate report, Hawaii delegates told of their work and also of the CE church that was lost to a volcano on the island of Hawaii.

Wales—The President of Wales spoke in Welsh as a young man interpreted. CE is alive and well in Wales. The Welsh delegates gave a gift of a plate showing coal miners coming home, carrying a child with another by the hand, in thanks for all the World's Union has done. This was accepted by David Jackson, General Secretary of the World's Union.

Western Samoa: CE is striving to reach many youth for the church and CE. They are working to have more CE groups meeting. They send greetings to all brothers and sisters in Christ. Dressed in native outfits, they sang and danced to native music.

—Dr. Carolyn Arthur
Indiana

Around The World

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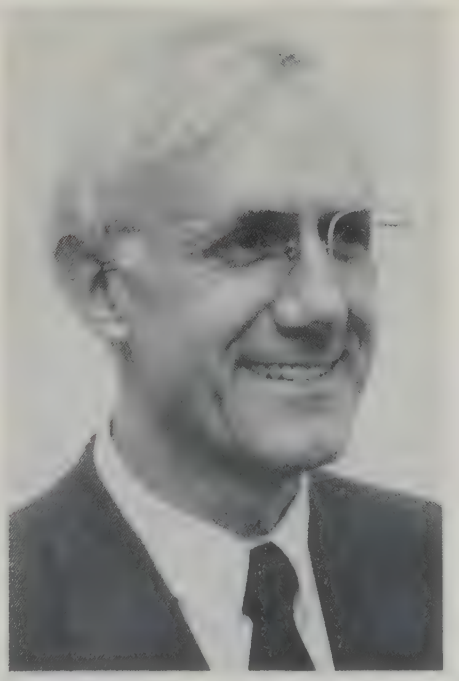
ing to different parts of the world which are now open to us. These countries are keen and desperate for help. We need to remember them.

The convention, to me, is not over. The memories will last. The result of many of the things that were done will go on and on and it is only eternity that will reveal what happened at Warwick in 1990."

KONRAD BRANDT, President of the World Christian Endeavor Union from **WEST GERMANY.**

"The best impression of the convention for me was that we have been well represented by many nations, ages and churches. It seemed that everybody was happy belonging to this large group of cross-cultural people. I think it has been an improvement and I have seen many happy people and and this makes me happy, also. I think the Spirit of God brought us together while we met and has given us a deeper understanding.

It is good to see Christian Endeavor growing where there is revival as in



Konrad Brandt

West Africa for instance. We should thank God for what is going on there and while we praise Him for what He is doing in Africa, it could be a new challenge for us also to expect revival in our own churches and in our own countries.

Today, young people can have an impact on the Christian Church because in these days young people want to get together, to understand each other, and have fellowship together—not talking about the differences, not separating from each other, not excluding each other, but including. Christian Endeavor must continue to use a solid Biblical foundation and continue the willingness to have fellowship in Christ."

DAVID JACKSON, General Secretary of the World's Union, **UNITED STATES**—"It was a thrilling and emotional moment when I greeted the delegates from East Germany, Hungary and Czechoslovakia to their first World's Christian Endeavor Convention in over 50 years.

I have been thankful especially for the presence of the Holy Spirit in all the activities along with the love of Christ which has been expressed in so many ways.

My thanks go to each one who has had a part in making this convention so spiritually uplifting or who has shared the responsibilities which make for a successful convention."

Christian Youth Witness

Jesus received glory from his people as they participated in the 1990 Christian Endeavor Witness Program. This year judges Larry Clark, Barbara Mast and Cindy Taylor met at the Christian Endeavor Headquarters on Tuesday, August 28, 1990 to select this year's winners. The judges proudly selected the following societies and their entries.

First Place Individual Winner: **Miss Lora Anne Moore of Pigeon Valley Baptist Church, Hartford, Tennessee.** Lora's project was making valentines for the 58 residents at the Newport Convalescent Center. She visited each resident individually. In her entry Lora wrote, "Even though some of these people are very elderly and very sick, they still need God's word and God's love. It is my prayer that in some small way I have not only shared myself but Jesus with the people at the nursing home." Clearly, Lora followed Jesus' command to go to those who are sick and disabled. Congratulations Lora.

As first place winner Lora won $125 in cash plus a grant of $100 for her expenses to attend the 61st International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Second Place Individual Winner: **Miss Heather Heaster of Center Branch Baptist Church, Nutter Fort, West Virginia.** Heather's project was to have a yard sale the proceeds of which went to her Sunday School class. She also collected materials such as plastic, glass and aluminum which she recycled also giving the money to her class. Heather "knows God has blessed her many times over the amounts she has given," her entry said. Congratulations Heather!

As Second Place Winner, Heather received $100 in cash plus a grant of $75 for her expenses to attend the 61st International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Third Place Individual Winner: **Mr. Greg Popovich of Center Baptist Church, Nutter Fort, West Virginia.** AS Greg's project he drew a poster and presented a display of Christian books. One poster read, "Find Your Strength in Christianity . . . Others Have." The James and Law Company in Clarksburg, West Virginia displayed his project as well as at the Clarksburg Public Library. Congratulations Greg. As Third Place Individual Winner he won $75 in cash.

First Place Society Winners: **Christian Endeavor Society of Windsor Baptist Church, Uwchland, Pennsylvania.** As their project 16 youth and 13 advisors and adults attended a building project in Tijuana, Mexico following the Harlingen, Texas Convention. In Tijuana, the Endeavorers helped to build a church. Their work consisted of constructing concrete pillars, digging holes for construction, and completing eight 16 foot frames.

The group raised approximately $13,944.77 for air fare, lodging, food at the project site, transportation charges from San Diego to Tijuana, Building material costs, foreman charges, tee shirts, tools, sports equipment and school supplies, their entry said. These young people showed a great deal of self-sacrifice and commitment to their witness. Congratulations Windsor Baptist Church.

As the First Place Society Winners Windsor Baptist Church Christian Endeavor group won $150 in cash plus a grant of $150 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the 61st International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Second Place Society Winner: **The Junior High and Senior High School Christian Endeavor Society of First Christian Church in Harlingen, Texas.** The purpose of this society's project was "to help ensure the safety of the children living at the Matamoros Deaf Children's Home in Matamoros, Mexico." Other goals included making the Endeavorers aware of cross cultural missions while introducing the group to the missionaries from their own church in Mexico. As a group, they helped to put up a fence around the Children's Home on a work day. If the task was incomplete, the local Christians would have the materials to finish. The event took place on a very hot day in Mexico and was successful. Congratulations First Christian Church.

As Second Place Society Winners the First Christian Church won $100 in cash plus a grant of $75 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the 61st International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Third Place Society Winner: **Junior High and Senior High School Christian Endeavor Society of Westminister Presbyterian Church in Roanoke, Virginia.** This society's project helped raise money for one of their sponsors who had cancer. The money paid some of their medical bills and also allowed for Christian Witness to their friends. In order to do this the Endeavorers held a skate party which about 150 people attended. The event raised $400 for their sponsors. Well done Westminister Presbyterian Church. You have truly blessed those around you while following Jesus.

As Third Place Society Winners Westminister Presbyterian Church received $75 in cash plus a grant of $50 for the expenses of one or more youth representatives to attend the 61st International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Fourth Place Winner: **Northport Christian Endeavor Society of Northport Christian Church of Newport, Tennessee.** These Endeavorers gathered for a very special Valentine's Day program. During one of their meetings the youth passed out 350 valentines all of which had original designs and used one of the following scriptures: Matthew 6:33; Phillipians 4:13; Romans 12:1; John 3:16; or II Chronicles 7:14. One the back of the valentine was an invitation to attend the church of their choice. The youth enjoyed being able to witness in such a simple way.

As Fourth Place Society Winners, the Northport Christian Endeavor Society received $50 in cash.

Three groups received runner-up awards of $25 in cash. These are presented in no specific order.

Award Winners 1990

Runner-Up: **Senior High Christian Endeavor Society of Jerusalem Chapel United Brethren in Christ, Churchville, Virginia.** This group raised money to present a billboard to demonstrate to the public that youth is **ALIVE** in Christian Endeavor. They sold Christmas and Greeting cards to raise the money and contacted an artist to design the billboard for them. Everyone traveling into Churchville could see the billboard and know about Christian Endeavor.

Runner-Up: **Primary / Junior / Junior High / Senior High School Christian Endeavor Group of the First Church of the United Brethren in Christ Church of Columbus, Ohio.** These Endeavorers participated in a parade complete with a float and balloons which said "Come to Sunday School" and "Christian Endeavor for Christ and the Church". More than 600 balloons were handed out along the parade route. A bicycle brigade preceded the float in the parade.

Runner-Up: **Calvary Christians of Calvary Memorial Church in Roanoke, Virginia.** This group held several activities during the year as their entry in the Youth Witness Program. They adopted a grandmother, Mrs. Greeenwood, with whom they read the Bible, gave small gifts, and spoke about the church's beginnings. As another activity the group held services at Liberty House Nursing Home. Entering the Christmas Parade and presenting a live nativity was the final project of their Youth Witness entry. All of these events were geared to present Christ to those who do not know about Christian Endeavor. Everyone in the group helped with these activities.

The judges of this year's program had a tough decision to make. All of the entries presented Jesus and Christian Endeavor. The judges took time to read and weigh each entry. Every time a new entry was read the judges were proud of that group and their witness.

Thank You Phyllis
World's Christian Endeavor Union Treasurer
1970-1990

L. to R. Clyde Meadows, Phyllis Meadows, Konrad Brandt, David G. Jackson. Phyllis Meadow's recognized for 20 years service as Treasurer of World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Mrs. Phyllis Meadows was honored at an evening session of the 21st World's Christian Endeavor Convention with a special recognition of her many years of service as Treasurer of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. She has requested retirement from this position which she has held since 1970. During the special time of recognition conducted by David Jackson, General Secretary, and World's President Konrad Brandt, the following countries made special presentations to Phyllis in recognition of her dedicated service as Treasurer of the World's Union:

Cayman Islands, Guyana, Fiji, India, Jamaica, Korea, Marshall Islands, Netherlands, Papua New Guinea, and Guatemala.

A card was given to Phyllis with the message, "A Commemorative World's Christian Endeavor Broach is being especially designed for you in recognition of your service to World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Phyllis, who served for thirty years as an employee of the International Society of Christian Endeavor at Columbus, Ohio, Headquarters, continues her activity in support of Christian Endeavor.

She currently serves as Treasurer of the Fred L. Ball Trust Fund of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union and as a Trustee of the E & P Fund of the International Society. She is Treasurer of the Columbus Area Adult Christian Endeavor fellowship and in her spare time produces the now famous Phyllis Meadows Hand Towel Creations which have become a significant fund raising project for the Columbus Area Christian Endeavor Alumni Group.

Indicative of her devotion and dedication to Christian Endeavor was her willingness to continue as Acting Treasurer of the World's Christian Endeavor Union pending the selection of her successor.

Congratulations to a very talented, tireless, and tremendous worker for Christian Endeavor.

We salute you, Phyllis Meadows!

WORLD

WORLD CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR OFFICERS 1990-1994

KONRAD BRANDT REELECTED PRESIDENT

During the meeting of the World's Union Council held in concurrence with the 21st World's Convention, Rev. Konrad Brandt, Marburg, West Germany, was reelected President of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Rev. Brandt, the sixth President of the World's Union, also serves as Director of the Marburg Mission with headquarters in Marburg, West Germany.

Other officers elected for the 1990-94 quadrennium are: Vice-Presidents—George Campbell (England), Yong-Kee Paik (Korea), Douglas Rea (Australia), and Dr. Jack R. Rothenberger (U.S.A.); General Secretary—Rev. David G. Jackson (U.S.A.); and Assistant Treasurer—Bruce J. Vliek (U.S.A.).

Rev. James Murdock, Immediate Past President of the World's Union, was elected to join Dr. Clyde W. Meadows and Rev. Arno Pagel as an Honorary President for Life in recognition of his faithful service to the Christian Endeavor movement.

Elected as members of the Board of Trustees in addition to those already named are: Rev. Sunday E. Akpan (Nigeria); Dr. LaVerne H. Boss (U.S.A.), Rev. James Carson (Ireland), Margaret L. Clarkson (Canada), Samuel M. Guerrero-Toy (Mexico), Rev. Clive Knight (Wales), Rev. Clarence A. Kopp, Jr. (U.S.A.), Dr. Albert Luka (Egypt), Rev. Panama Mutu (American Samoa), Rev. Gunter Neumann (East Germany), Dr. Takashi Oku (Japan), Rev. Christoffer Peiffer (West Germany), Jack Pryde (Scotland), Oswell Rankine (Cayman Islands), Rev. Jude Samson (Marshall Islands), Gilbert Roy Silley (England), Geoff Sims (Australia), Rev. Geurt van Viegen (Netherlands), and Rev. Burkhard Weber (West Germany).

Honorary Trustees elected include: Frances M. Becker (U.S.A.), Mrs. Mildred G. Bryan (U.S.A.), P.A.R. Chesterton (Australia), Mrs. Phyllis R. Meadows (U.S.A.), Alan J. Ramsey (England), Clyde Sherk (Canada), and Harold E. Westerhoff (U.S.A.)

Mrs. Phyllis Meadows was elected as Acting Treasurer of the World's Union to serve until such time as a successor can be elected.

Elected to serve on the Executive Committee along with the President, General Secretary, and Treasurer, were: Dr. LaVerne Boss, Margaret Clarkson, Jack Rothenberger, Gilbert Roy Silley, and Rev. Burkhard Weber.

President Brandt appointed the following individuals to serve on the Finance Committee for the 1990-1994 quadrennium: Dr. LaVerne Boss (U.S.A.), Chairman; the Treasurer (Mrs. Phyllis Meadows, Acting Treasurer), Margaret Clarkson (Canada), Oswell Rankine (Cayman Islands), Gilbert Roy Silley (England), Anneliese Stein (West Germany), and Bruce J. Vliek (U.S.A.).

The newly-elected Officers and Trustees were installed during the closing session of the Convention held in the Coventry Cathedral on August 4 by General Secretary, David Jackson.

Other Business

Also during the business sessions of the Council, the General Secretary announced that the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Mexico has endorsed the invitation of the Mexican Christian Endeavor Union to host the 22nd World's Convention in Mexico in 1994.

The 1994-98 quadrennial theme, "Proclaim Christ (Predica a Cristo), based on II Timothy 4:2 was adopted as the theme for the 1994 World's Convention.

Memorial tributes were given to the following national leaders who have died since the 1986 Convention: Roy T. Edwards (Australia), Mrs. Gweneth Hunter (Cayman Islands), and Bishop Henry Lazarus (India).

Nana Frimpong Manso, President of the Ivory Coast Christian Endeavor Union, and George Koffi deSouza, President of the Togo Christian Endeavor Union, were introduced as the national leaders of two unions which have been officially recognized as members of the World's Union since the last convention.

Tibor Czekei and Janos Farkos, representatives of the recently reactivated Hungarian Christian Endeavor Union, were introduced to the Council and presented a report on the reorganization of the Hungarian Christian Endeavor Union during the past year. Following their report, the World's Union Council voted to reinstate the Christian Endeavor Union of Hungary into full membership in the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

In order to assist with the financial needs of the World's Union, it was suggested that a goal of every Christian Endeavorer contributing $1 to the work of the World's Union be established.

Appreciation was expressed to both the President and General Secretary for their dedicated service to the World's Union during the past four years.

RUN FOR THE GOAL—JESUS CHRIST

61st International Christian Endeavor Convention

at

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July 1-5, 1991

Christian Endeavor young people and their leaders from across North America will gather on the campus of Lebanon Valley College, Annville, Pennsylvania, July 1-5, 1991, for the 61st International Christian Endeavor Convention.

Featured personalities will include Jerry Johnston, a dynamic speaker to high school young people, and author of the books: WHY SUICIDE?, GOING ALL THE WAY (The Real World of Teens and Sex), and THE EDGE OF EVIL (The Rise of Satanism in North America).

In city after city Johnston has attracted audiences of thousands as he addresses contemporary issues with young people. His LIFE School Assembly program has been delivered to over 3,000,000 students in 2,700 public schools throughout the United States and Canada. Johnston travels over 200,000 miles each year speaking to young people.

Paul Smith, a DaySpring Records artist, also will be featured during the convention. A former lead singer with The Imperials, Smith currently has a solo music ministry which is gaining him national recognition.

His DaySpring Records debut album, LIVE & LEARN, yielded five radio singles in the top 20 of Music's Contemporary Chart, and his "Bring It To Jesus" duet with labelmate Cynthia Clawson also gained national recognition. It is with his commitment and dedication to Christ that Paul Smith challenges his audiences to take a simple step of faith and trust in the Lord.

Randy and Gay Hongo, Christian Recording Artists from Honolulu, Hawaii, again will be directing convention music. Their contributions to the 1989 Convention in Harlingen, Texas, and the 1987 Convention in Buffalo, New York, will long be remembered by convention delegates.

Also included in the convention program will be morning Quiet Hour/Bible Study periods, Christian Endeavor Lab training sessions, and daily personal Growth and Development sessions. The General Assembly, a popular feature of the morning program, again will include fun, special music, sharing, and challenge. Activities also will be offered for Juniors each morning.

A Convention Choir is being organized by the Local Committee, along with special afternoon activities which will include fellowship, recreation, and local tours. Special features also are being planned throughout the day and following the evening general sessions.

Plan now to join with young people from across North America and participate in this outstanding event. The inspiration of this convention will change lives, offer spiritual enrichment, and provide exciting Christian fellowship.

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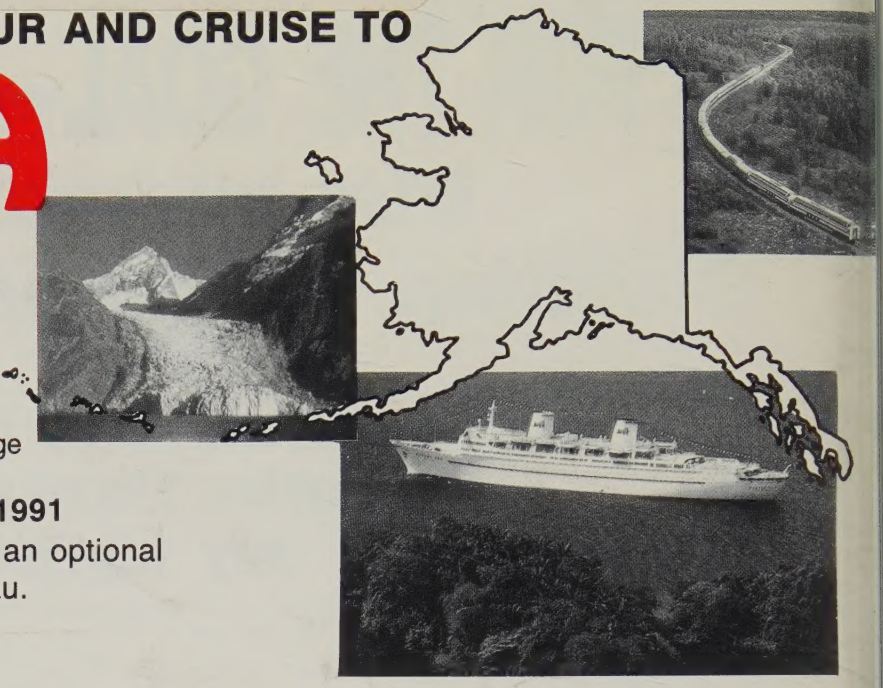

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